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LETTER DATED 21 APRIL 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I wish to inform you that, at 1500 hours on Wednesday, 13 April 1994, while the Iraqi fishermen Najm Abdullah Mansur, Bashir Najm Abdullah and Sabir Jasim Hasan were fishing in the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 001260 (1:100,000 map of Saybah), a four-man Iranian patrol on board an Iranian boat abducted them and took them and their boat to the Iranian side, after firing at them.

The Government of Iraq, in notifying you of the particulars of this abduction, registers its strong protest at this act of aggression and calls upon you to take the utmost measures and to intervene to ensure a fair investigation and the condemnation of the perpetrators of this act by putting pressure on the Iranian regime to abstain from committing such violations, respect Iraq's sovereignty, safeguard the peace and security of its citizens, take the appropriate measures to ensure the return of the abducted men and not repeat such acts, which are prejudicial to relations between the two countries.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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